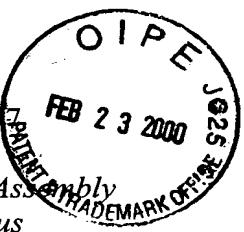


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Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed December 23, 1999, and the Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2000, enclosed are the following:

1. Amendment, with enclosed copies of formal drawing replacement sheets 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 14 with corrections in red ink;
2. Letter to the Official Draftsperson, with enclosed formal drawing replacement sheets 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 14 and copies of same with corrections in red ink;
3. Combined Amendment & Petition for Extension of Time;
4. Check in the amount of \$870.00 for the required fee; and
5. Acknowledgment postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



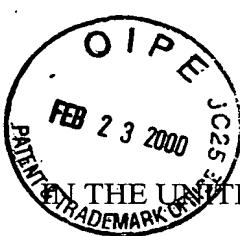
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Sir:

Enclosed are replacement sheets 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 and 14. The changes incorporated in these replacement sheets are indicated by red markings on copies of the corrected sheets.

On sheets 2, 5, and 6, the lines identifying the location of a cross-sectional view have been changed to employ Roman numerals rather than letters.

On sheets 11 through 14, the cross-hatching for elements 2005, 2004, and 2018 has been changed to indicate resilient materials.

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